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1.  For each of the following items listed on the enclosed copy of Form PTO-1449 that is not in the English language, an English language translation of that item or a portion thereof or a concise explanation of the relevance of that item is enclosed:  
English Abstracts are provided for JP 4-277025, JP 2001-118904, JP 2003-45947 A; JP 2003-031639 A
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- b.  37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2) or §1.313(c)(3), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement is to be considered in a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) or a Continuation application upon abandonment of the instant application and is accompanied by the attached Petition To Withdraw Application From Issue and fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h).

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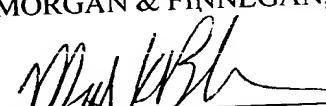
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	2	2003-0015290 A1	01/23/2003	EDO	156		
	3	2003-0021671 A1	01/30/2003	EDO	414		
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